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Office of the Secretary

**RE: MB Docket 14-90**

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

As President Obama stated in last year's White House report on broadband, the growth of broadband access is about more than just a faster Internet. It is about "connecting every part of America to the digital age." With that in mind, the following organizations offer their support for the proposal by AT&T and DIRECTV to merge their companies.

The Internet is the most empowering creation in generations. Those with high-speed access can accomplish more, learn more, and lead more fulfilling lives than those who do not have sufficiently high-quality access and are therefore isolated from the Internet's benefits.

For the Asian-American community, the Internet has become a bridge to fulfilling our business, education and social goals. For millions of Asian-American high school and university students, businesspeople and entrepreneurs, the Internet is an indispensable tool for upward mobility.

If the Federal Communications Commission approves the merger of AT&T and DIRECTV, these two companies promise to expand dramatically their high-speed Internet service. They have placed special emphasis on expanding this access to previously underserved areas. This will give millions of Americans the opportunity to gain a level of access to high speed broadband service that previously has been out of reach.


High-speed Internet will enrich our lives by improving access to job opportunities and online education and fostering better civic and social engagement. And supporting the development of technology such as this will lead the way for an even brighter future for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration of our letter and for your support of the AT&T/DIRECTV merger.

Sincerely,



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